

LECTURE NOTE
ON
RAILWAY & BRIDGE ENGINEERING
(TH.3)

5TH SEMESTER IN CIVIL ENGG.



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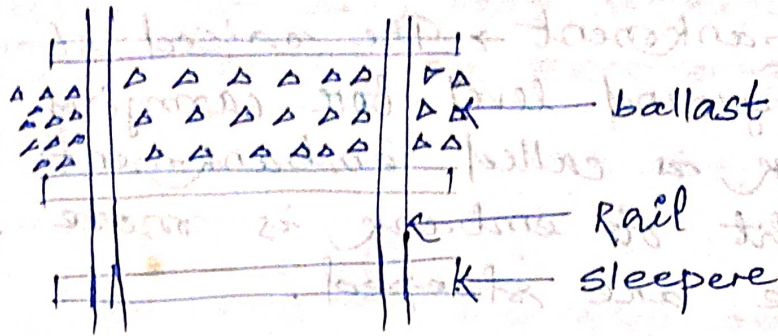
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RAILWAY :-



Sleeper → Sleeper are the members laid transversing under the rail, to support the rail & to transfer the load from rail to ballast.

Ballast → Ballast is the granular material packed under and around the sleeper to transfer the load from sleeper to ballast.

Sleeper density → sleeper density is represent the number of sleeper rail length in metre.

ballast crib → The loose ballast between the two adjacent sleeper is known as ballast crib.

buckling of rail → The railway track get out of the original position then is known as buckling of rail.

Superelevation / cant → On curve to counteract the effect of centrifugal force, the level of outer rail is raised above the inner rail by a certain amount. This raising of outer edge over inner rail is known as superelevation / cant.

creep of rail → Creep is the longitudinal movement of rail in track.

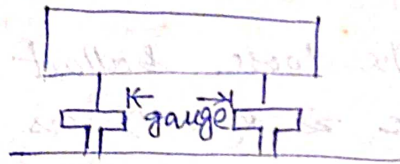
Derailment → Derailment occurs when moving wheel of rail bogie get out of rail. It happens

by an accident and often result in loss of lives or properties damages.

Embankment → The raised structure above the ground level for carrying the railway track is called embankment when the height of embank is more than side slope are steeped.

Fish plate → These plates resembling in shape to a fish are used to provide the continuity between the two rails at the rail joints. They also provide required gap for expansion & contraction of rail due to temperature variation. They are made of steel.

Gauge → The gauge of a track in India is measured as minimum distance between the running gauge faces of two rails.



Level crossing → When the rail line & a road cross each other at the same level is called level crossing.

Advantages of Railway →

- Railway have brought about many political, social & economic changes in the life of Indian peoples.

Political Advantages →

- Railway have united the people of different cast, religion, custom & tradition.
- With the adequate network of railway the central administration has become more easy & effective.
- Railway have contributed towards development.

- of a national mentality, is the mind of people.
- The role of railway during emergency in war equipment has been very significant.
 - Railway have helps in the mass migration of the population.

Social Advantages →

- The feeling of isolation has been removed from the inhabitant of the Indian villages.
- By travelling together into the compartment without any restriction of cast, the feeling of cast difference has disappeared.
- The social outlook of the masses has been broadened through railway journey.
- Railway has make it easier to reach places of religious importance.
- Railway provide a convenient & safe mode of transport of the country.

Economic advantages

- Mobility of labour has contributed to industrial development.
- During famine, railway have play the vital role in transporting food & clothing in affected area.
- Growth of industry has been promoted due to transportation of raw material through railway.
- Speedy distribution of finished product is achieved through railway.
- Railway provide employment to million of people & thus help in solving the unemployment problem of the country.
- Land value have increased due to industrial development which ultimately resulting the increase

of national wealth.

- Commercial farming is very much help by the railway network throughout the country.

Classification of Indian Railway →

1. Trunk routes.

2. Main line

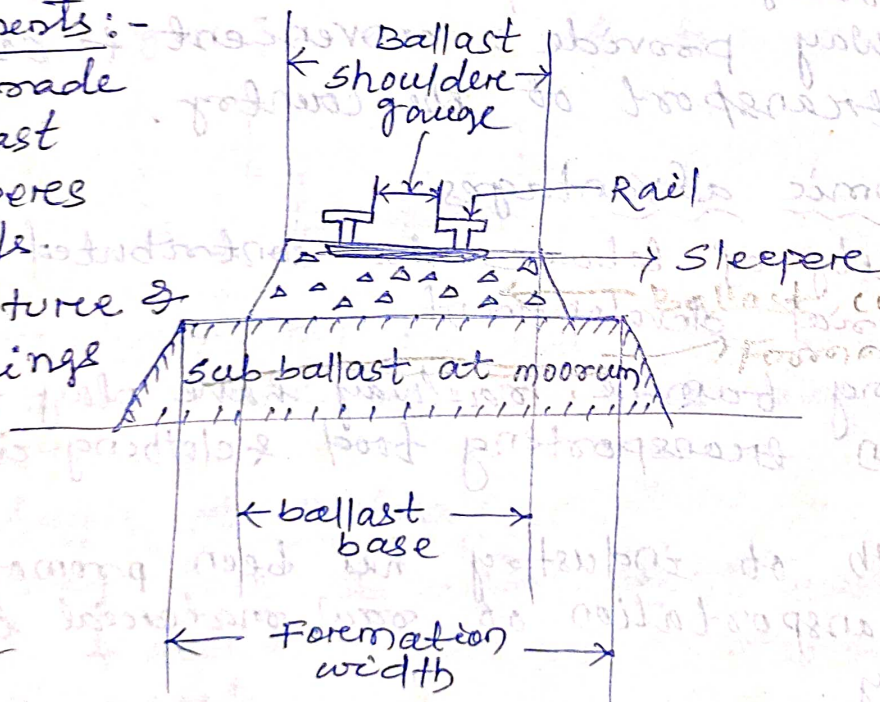
3. Branch line

Ch-2 :- Permanent Way :-

The combination of rail, fitted on sleeper & resting on ballast of subgrade is called permanent way or railway track.

Components :-

1. Subgrade
2. Ballast
3. Sleepers
4. Rail
5. Fixture & fastenings



Requirement of an ideal permanent way →

Following are the some of basic requirement of a permanent way.

- The gauge should be correct & uniform.
- The rail should be in proper level.
- In a straight two rail should be at same

level.

- On curve the outer rail should have proper superelevation and there should be proper transition at the junction of a straight & curve.
- The alignment should be correct, that is it should free from irregularities.
- The gradient should be uniform & any change of gradient should be followed by a smooth vertical curve.
- The track should be a certain amount of elasticity in the track.
- The track should have enough lateral strength, so that alignment is maintained even due to
 - a. Side thrust on tangent length & centrifugal force on curve.
 - b. Lateral force due to, expansion of rail particularly welded rail.
- Superelevation on curve should be properly designed & maintained.
- Drainage system must be perfect.
- Joint, including point & crossing which are regarded to be weakest point of the railway track should be properly designed & maintained.
- If there is trouble from the creep, the precautions should be taken to prevent it.
- The various component of the track that is rail, fitting, sleepers, ballast & formation must fully satisfy the requirement. Then either it should be improved or replaced.
- There should be adequate provision for easy renewal & replacement.

Gauge → The gauge of a railway track is defined as clear distance between the inner or running face of two track rail.

The distance between the innerbase of a pair of wheel is called wheel gauge.

Different gauge in India →

- In 18th century the British railway were using the flange on the outside on the rail & the gauge was defined as the distance between the outer base of the rail.
- The gauge then maintain 5 ft. (1.524 m).
- Subsequently the addition of flange inside the wheel gauge change definition of gauge.

Present gauge = Past gauge - 2x top width of rail

- At present in India the existing gauge are-

Type of gauge	Gauge width
1. standard/broad gauge (B.G)	- 1.676 m
2. Metre gauge (M.G)	- 1 m
3. Narrow gauge (N.G)	- 0.762 m.
4. Feeder gauge/light gauge (L.G)	- 0.610 m.

In India east India company adopted 1.676 m gauge as standard gauge.

- In 1871 in order to built up cheap railway for the development of country the govt. adopted metre gauge. i.e. 1 m wide.

- In addition to B.G & M.G 4 hilly area & bore developing poor area. India has 0.762 m & 0.610 m narrow gauge track & feeder track respectively are used.

Selection of Gauge →

The following factors govern choice among the different gauge.

1. Cost of construction →

- There is middle increase in critical cost if we select a wider gauge. This is due to the following reason.

a. The cost of bridge, tunnel, station building, staff quarters, signal, cabin & level crossing is same for all the gauge.

b. The cost of earth work (in making embankment & cutting), ballast, sleeper, rail etc would proportionally increase in gauge width.

c. There is little proportional increase in occupy of land for permanent track with increase in gauge. We can therefore conclude there is not an appreciable increase in cost due to increase in width in gauge.

2. Volume & nature of traffic →

It is obvious that with greater traffic volume & greater load carrying capacity, the train should be run a better traction. or, by better locomotives. For heavier load & high speed, the wider gauge are required because subsequently the operating cost per ton kilometer is less or more carrying capacity.

3. Development of area →

Narrow gauge can be use to develop the thinly populated area by joining poorly developed area with develop or, urban area.

4. Physical feature of the country →

Use narrow gauge is hilly region where broad gauge & meter gauge aren't possible due to steep gradient. In place also where high speed isn't required and the traffic

is light narrow gauge is correct gauge.

5. Speed of movement →

- The speed of a train is almost proportional to the gauge.
- Speed is the function of diameter of wheel, which in turn is limited by the gauge.
- The wheel diameter is generally 0.75 times that of the gauge.
- Lower speed discourages the customer & so for maintaining high speed the broad gauge are preferred.

✓ Ch-3 Track Material

Rail → The rail on the track can be considered as ~~steel~~ ^{steel} girder carrying axial load.

They are made of high carbon steel to withstand wear & tear.

Function of Rail →

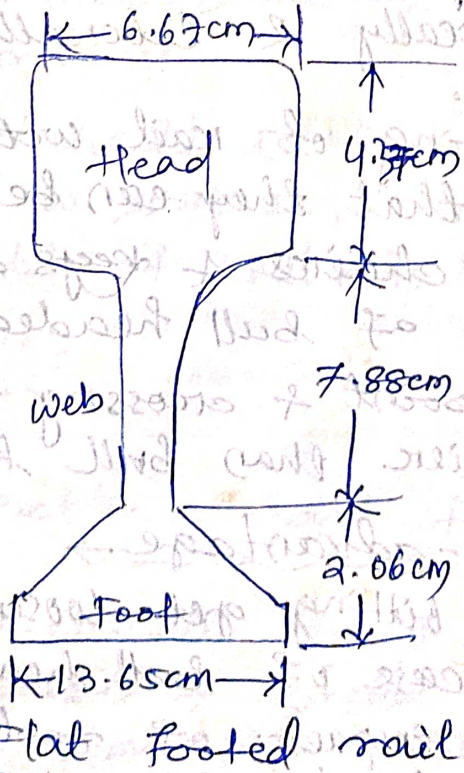
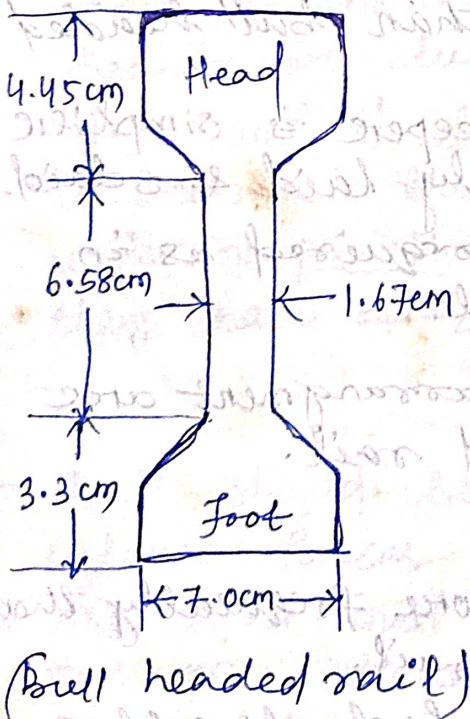
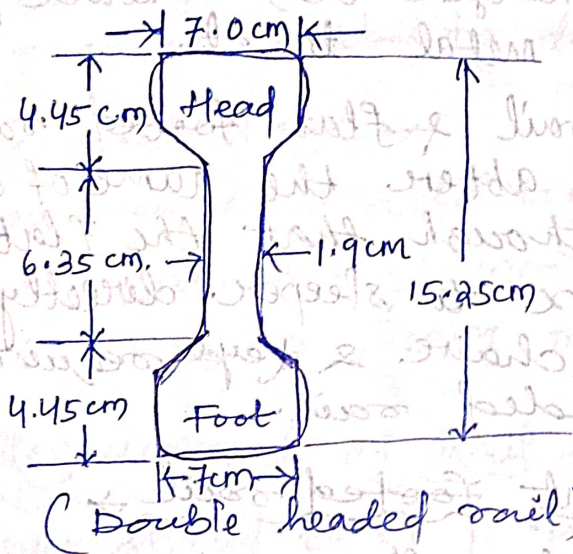
- Rail in railway track serve the following purpose -
- Rail provide a hard, smooth & unchanging surface for passage of heavy moving load with a minimum friction between the steel wheel.
 - Rail bear the stress developed due to heavy vertical load, lateral & braking force & thermal stresses.
 - The rail material is such that, it gives minimum wear to avoid replacement charge & failure of rail due to wear.
 - Rail transmit the load to sleeper & consequently reduce pressure on ballast and

formations.

Types of Rail Section →

The 3 types of rail section which have been tried so far for the construction of railway track.

1. Double headed rail (D.H. rail)
2. Bull headed rail (B.H. rail)
3. Flat footed rail (F.F. rail)



In the beginning of rail used were double headed of a dumb belled section. The idea behined using the rail was that when the head was worn out in course of time, the rail can be inverted & reuse. But experience show that the lower table formed such indentation that smooth running with that surface of the top impossible.

The next development was that of a bull headed rail, in which the head was made a little thicker & stronger than a lower part by adding more metal to it.

Bull headed rail & flat footed rail is called 'vignole' rail after the name of inventor. It was originally thought that the flat footed rail could be fix to sleeper directly & would eliminate chair & keys required for the bull headed rail.

Advantage of flat footed rail →

- They are more strength & stiffness, both vertically & laterally, than bull headed rail.
- Fitting of rail with sleeper is simpler, so that they can be easily laid & relaid.
- No chairs & keys are required as in case of bull headed rail.
- In point & crossing the arrangement are simpler than bull headed rail.

Dis-advantage →

- The fitting get loosened more frequently than in case of bull headed rail.
- The impact of rolling wheel directly affect the fitting.

- The strengthening of bend rail, replacing of rail & bettered rail are difficult.

Bull headed rail (Advantage) →

- They keep better alignment & give more solid & smoother track.
- The rail are easily disconnected from sleepers as they have no direct connection with the latter.
- The heavy chairs with larger bearing on sleepers give longer life to the wooden sleepers & greater stability to the train.

Dis-advantage →

- They required additional cost of iron chair.
- They have less strength and stiffness.
- They require heavy maintenance cost.

Requirement of Rail →

- They should be of proper composition of steel & should be manufacture by open hearth or duplex process.
- The vertical stiffness should be high enough to transmit the load to several sleepers under one rails. The height of rail should be they have adequate
- Rail should be capable of with standing lateral forces.
- The head must sufficiently deep to allow for an adequate margin of vertical wear. The wearing surface should be hard.
- Web should be sufficiently thick to bear the

- load coming on it.
- Foot should be wide enough, so that rails are stable against over turning.
 - Bottom of the head + top of the rail foot should be so shaped as to enable the fish plate to transmit efficiently the vertical load from the head to foot of the rail joints.
 - Relative distribution of material in head, ~~web~~ web & foot of rail must be balanced.
 - The centre of gravity of the rail section must be lie approximately at mid height, so that maximum compressive & tensile forces are equal.
 - The tensile strength of the rail piece shouldn't be less than 72 kg/cm^2 .
 - The rail specimen should withstand the blow of falling weight in test.

Length of Rail →

- The rail of longer length are preferable to smaller length in rail because they give more strength & economic for a railway track.
- The weakest point of a track is the joint between two rail.
- Lesser the number of joint, lesser would be the number of fish plate & this would lead to less maintenance cost, smooth running of train & comfort to the passenger.
- Moreover, the number of joint could increase ~~wear & tear~~ ^{wear & tear} of the vehicle.

Though the long length of the rail is desirable however the rail is governed by the following factor -

- a. The length of the rail is so chosen that the manufacturing cost is most reasonable.

b. It depends upon the transportation facility, so only those length of rail are possible which can be transported by longest wagons available on the railway.

c. To some extent the length is also limited by the facility of lifting & handling, during the loading & unloading of wagon.

d. More the length of rail, more will be the gap required for expansion of rail due to temp.

* On Indian railway the standard length are the following -

length = 12.80 m (42ft) for B.G (13 m)

length = 11.89 m (39ft) for M.G (12 m)

Rail joints → An ideal perfect rail joint is one which provide the same strength and stiffness as the other rail section of the track

Requirement →

- The two rail ends should remain true in the line both laterally & vertically when train move on the track.
- This is necessary to avoid wheel jumping or, changing its correct path of movement.
- The rail joint should be as strong as stiff & the rail itself & should be elastic both laterally & horizontally.
- The rail joint should provide space for expansion & contraction for account the temperature variation.
- A good joint should be easily disconnectible so that it can be easily taken, but without disturbing the whole track.
- It shouldn't allow the rail ends to get battered in any case.

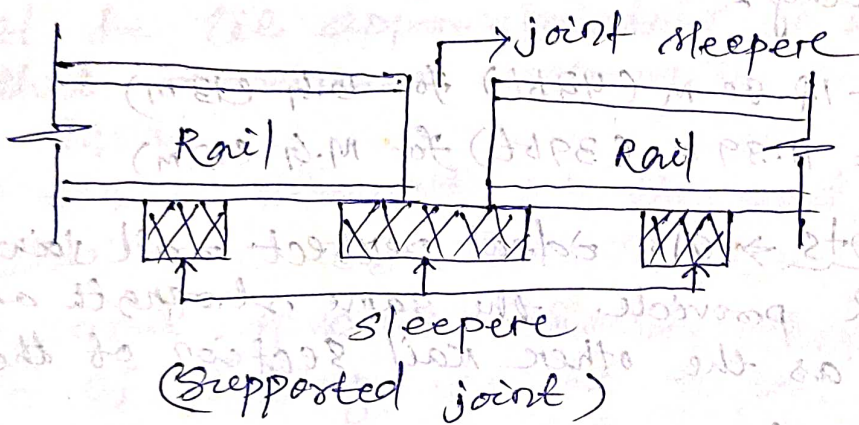
- The joint should fulfill the above requirement with the minimum, initial & maintenance cost. i.e. it should be economical.

Type of Rail → (Joints)

The following joints are used on Indian & foreign railway.

1. Supported rail joints →

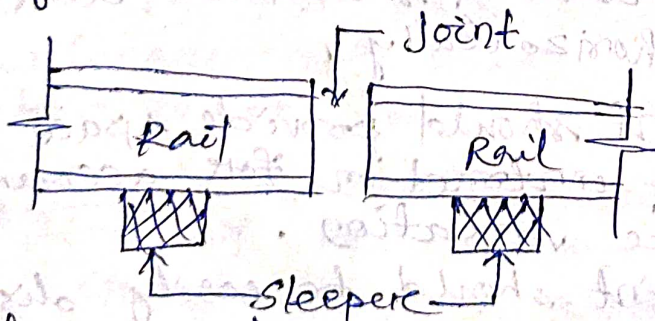
→ When the rail ends rest on a single sleeper called joint sleeper, it is called as supported joint.



2. Suspended rail joint →

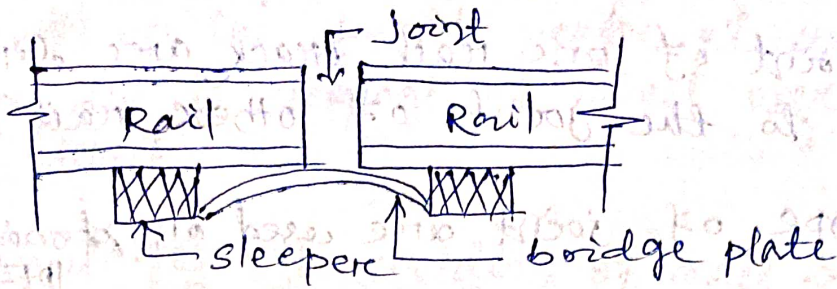
→ When rail ends are projected beyond sleeper called shoulder sleeper, it is called as suspended joint.

→ This type of joint is generally used with timber / steel through Indian & foreign railway.



3. Bridge joint → When the rail ends are projected beyond the sleeper as in case of suspended joint and they are connected by

flat/corrugated plate called bridge plate, it is called as bridge joint.



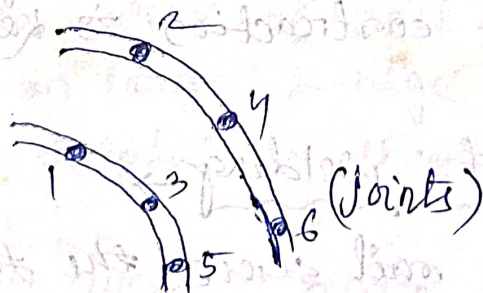
4. Base joint → This is similar to the bridge joint, with the difference that the inner fish plate are of bar type or outer fish plate are of special angle type. Due to complicated design this is not generally used.

5. Welded rail joint → These are best joint as they fulfill nearly all the requirement of ideal/perfect joint.

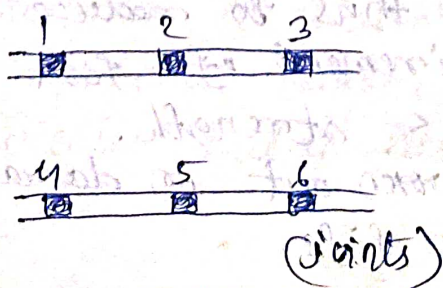
6. Staggered/broken joint →

→ In this position of joint of one rail track aren't directly opposite to the joint of other rail track.

→ The joints are generally provided on curve, where the length of outer curve track is greater than inner curve track.



7. Square/even joint →



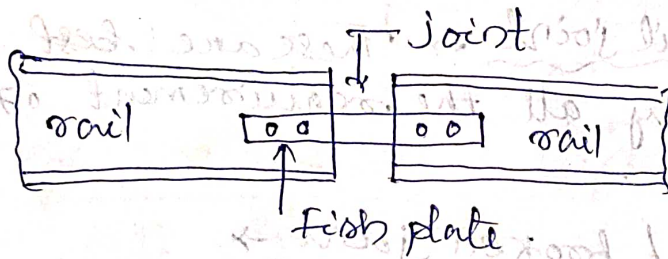
- The position of rail joint is the basic of its nomenclature.

- The joint of one rail track are directly opposite to the joint of other rail track.

- This type of joint are used on straight track.

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8. Compromise joint → where two different rail sections are required to be joint together, it is done by means of fish plate which fit both the rails & this joint is termed as compromised joint.



9. Insulated joint → when insulating medium is inserted in a rail joint to stop the flow of current in track, it is called insulated joint.

10. Expansion joint → on bridge, provision for expansion & contraction is kept for girders & rail both.

Purpose of welding →

Welding of rail serve the following purposes,

1. To increase the length of rail by joining two or more rail, & thus to reduce the number of joint & requirement of fish plate, which lead to economy & strength.
2. To repair the worn out or damaged rail & thus increase there life.

3. To build up worn out points & rail on the sharp curve.
4. To build up the burnt portion of the rail had caused due to slippage of wheel over rail or, other defect.

Advantages of welding of rail →

1. It satisfy the condition of perfect joint & hence increases the life of rail & reduce the maintenance cost by about 20 to 40%.
2. It reduces the creep as the length of rail increases & friction as a result is also increase.
3. Expansion effect due to tempⁿ is also reduce which also reduce creep.
4. The discontinuity of joint as a source of weakness in track is reduce. This defect such as hammering of rail joints, displacement of joints, disturbance in alignment & sunning surface which result in belt riding & eliminated.
5. Long rail can dampen the intensity of high frequency vibration due to moving loads.
6. Welding increases the life of rail due to decrease in the wear of rail.
7. Welded rail on large bridge for the length of span are helpful as they give better performance.
8. Welded rail on curve is under investigation. Maximum curve radius may be welded depending upon resistance & lateral displacement of rail.
9. The cost of track construction by welding of rail decreases due to less numbers of rail joints.

Chapter - 7 BRIDGE Section - B

A structure which carries a communication route for carrying road traffic or other moving loads over an obstruction such as river, stream, canal, road or railway. The communication route may be railway track, road way, ~~cycle~~ ^{cycle} track, foot path or combination of them.

Components of Bridge →

Bridge can be divided into two major parts -

1. Super structure
2. Sub-structure

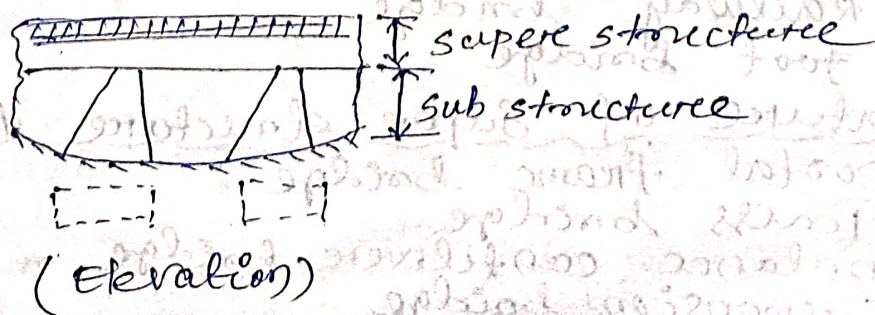
The super structure of a bridge is analogous to a single story building ^{where all} sub structure to that of walls, column & foundation supporting it.

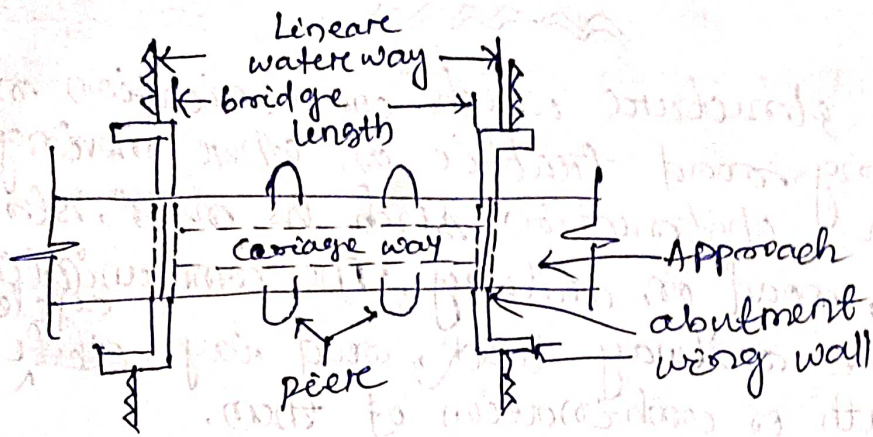
1. Super structure → It consists of the following

- parts -
- (a) hard rail
 - (b) beam
 - (c) girder
 - (d) Arches & cable above the level of bearing

2. Sub structure → It consists of the following

- parts -
- (a) abutment
 - (b) pier or abutment pier
 - (c) wing wall.
 - (d) Foundation for the pier & abutment





Classification of Bridge →

It is various types depending upon the following factors -

1. Materials used for construction →
 - (a) timber bridge
 - (b) Masonry bridge
 - (c) Steel bridge
 - (d) Reinforced cement concrete bridge
 - (e) Pre-stressed bridge
 - (f) Composite bridge.
2. Alignment →
 - (a) straight bridge
 - (b) skew bridge
3. Location of bridge floor →
 - (a) deck bridge
 - (b) semi through bridge
 - (c) Through bridge.
4. Purpose →
 - (a) Aqueduct
 - (b) Viaduct
 - (c) highway bridge
 - (d) Railway bridge
 - (e) foot bridge
5. Nature of Super structure Action →
 - (a) portal frame bridge.
 - (b) Truss bridge
 - (c) balance cantilever bridge
 - (d) Suspension bridge

6. Position of high flood level →

- (a) Submersible bridge
- (b) Non-submersible bridge.

7. Life →

- (a) Permanent bridge
- (b) Temporary bridge.

8. Fix or movable →

- (a) Swinging bridge.
- (b) lift bridge.
- (c) bascule bridge.

9. span length →

- (a) Culvert (less than 8m)
- (b) Minor bridge (8 to 30m)
- (c) Major bridge (above 30m)
- (d) Long bridge (above 120m)

10. Degree of redundancy

- (a) determinant
- (b) indeterminate

11. Type of connection → (Only for steel bridge)

- (a) Pinned or bolted connection bridge
- (b) riveted connected bridge.
- (c) welded connected bridge.

Requirements of Ideal bridge

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1. Safety & convenience.
2. Aesthetically sound
3. Economical

Selection of bridge site →

1. Suitable, unyielding and non erodable material for foundation.
2. The stream at the ^{bridge} side should be well defined and as narrow as possible.

3. It should be a straight reach of stream at beach side.
4. It should have permanent, straight & high banks.
5. The flow of water should be in a steady condition & cross current.
6. Minimum obstruction of natural water way.
7. Easy availability of labour, construction material & transport facility.
8. Minimum foundation cost so that no excessive work is to be carried inside the water.
9. Possible to provide secure & economical approach.
10. Direct alignment of the road.
11. It should be such that, adequate vertical height & water way is available underneath the bridge for navigational use.

Bridge Alignment →

Depending upon the angle the alignment can be two types, square alignment → The bridge is at right angle to the axis of the river.

skew alignment → The bridge is at some angle to the axis of river which is not at right angle.

Dis-advantages of skew alignment →

1. A great skill is required for the construction & maintenance of such type of bridge is so difficult.
2. Water pressure on pier is excessive because of non-uniform flow of water.
3. The foundation of a skew bridge is more susceptible to scour action.

Water-way → The area through which the water flow under a bridge super structure is known as the water way of the bridge. The linear measurement of this area along the bridge is known

as the linear waterway.

Linear waterway equal to sum of all the clear span.

Economic Span → The economic span of a bridge is the one which reduce the over all cost of a bridge to be minimum. The over all cost of a bridge depends upon the following factors.

1. Cost of material
2. Availability of skilled labour.
3. Span length
4. Nature of stream to be bridged.
5. Climatic & other condition.

Cost of super structure = cost of sub structure

Scour Depth → The normal scour depth is the depth of water in the middle of the stream to an it is carrying the peak flood discharge. It depends upon factors like flood discharge, bed slope, direction of flow, bed material, alignment of pier & its shape & size.

Depth of foundation → It is determined by consideration of the safe bearing capacity of the soil after taking into account, the effect of scour. The bore holes are driven to determine the adequacy of thickness of the foundation bearing layer of the soil. The minimum depth of foundation,

$$h = \frac{P}{w} \left(\frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} \right)^2$$

where, h = depth of foundation, (metre)

P = bearing capacity of soil. (kg/m^2)

w = specific weight of earth. (kg/m^3)

ϕ = Angle of internal friction of the soil.

Abflax → When natural surface width is too large then required bore stability in that case to carry the maximum flood discharge, the velocity under a bridge increases. This increased velocity gives rise to a sudden heading up of water on the upstream side of the stream. This phenomenon of heading up of water on the upstream side of the stream is known as 'abflax'.

Marriman's formula,

$$h_a = \frac{v^2}{2g} \left\{ \left(\frac{A}{ca} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{A}{A_1} \right)^2 \right\}$$

Mokesworth's formula,

$$h_a = \left(\frac{v^2}{17.9} + 0.015 \right) \left\{ \left(\frac{A}{a} \right)^2 - 1 \right\}$$

Where, h_a = Abflax (m)

v = Velocity of approach (m/sec)

A = Natural water way area at the site.

a = Contracted area (m²)

A_1 = Enlarged area upstream of the bridge.

C = Co-efficient of discharge (m²)

$$= 0.75 + 0.35 \left(\frac{a}{A} \right) - 0.1 \left(\frac{a}{A} \right)^2$$

Clearance → Horizontal clearance should be the clear width & the vertical clearance should be the clear height which available for the passage of vehicular traffic for super elevated road horizontal clearance equal to 5m multiplied by the super elevation.

Vertical clearance should be measured from the super elevated level of the road way.

Free board → It is the vertical distance between the designed high flood level, allowing for abflax if any & the level of the ground crown of the bridge at its lowest point.